REMARKS

Further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Claims 1-30 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1-30 are rejected. Claims 31-34 are cancelled herein without prejudice.

SPECIFICATION

The specification is objected to because information regarding a related application was missing. The specification has been amended herein updating this information.

35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1, 4-11, 14-21 and 24-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,613,098 by Sorge et al., hereinafter referred to as the "Sorge" reference. Applicants have reviewed the cited reference and respectfully submit that the present invention as recited in Claims 1, 4-11, 14-21 and 24-30 is not anticipated by Sorge.

Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner to independent Claim 1 that recites that an embodiment of the present invention is directed to (emphasis added):

> A method for facilitating the display of information of a document, said method comprising:
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> scanning said document for indicators, wherein said indicators are for indicating a predetermined location within said document; and
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> in response to said scanning, automatically rendering graphic elements for each corresponding indicator, wherein a graphic element is rendered with a descriptive label according to information within said indicator; and

jumping to a predetermined location within said document corresponding to a graphic element selected by a user and displaying information of said predetermined location.

Independent Claims 11 and 21 recite similar limitations. Claims 4-10 that depend from independent Claim 1, Claims 14-20 that depend from independent Claim 11, and Claims 24-30 that depend from independent Claim 21 provide further recitations of the features of the present invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that Sorge and the claimed embodiments are very different. Applicants understand Sorge to teach a spreadsheet program that includes a worksheet navigation HTML file that allows a use to link to different worksheets of a workbook. In particular, Sorge teaches that the worksheets are separate documents. Moreover, Sorge teaches that links of the worksheet navigation HTML file are used for linking to the worksheets themselves, and not to a predetermined location within the worksheets.

Sorge teaches a spreadsheet program including multiple types of files: a workbook frame-set HTML file (MyWorkbook.htm), any number of worksheet HTML files (Sheet*.htm), and a worksheet navigation HTML file (Tabstrip.htm) (col. 15, lines 55-60). In particular, Sorge teaches that each worksheet is a separate document/file (col. 16, lines 13-21). Moreover, "[t]he worksheet navigation frame contains $MyWorkbook_{13}$ tabstrip.htm, which provides navigation controls for each worksheet in the workbook. Clicking on a link loads the selected worksheet into the worksheet frame" (emphasis added; col. 16, lines 29-33).

Applicants respectfully assert that Sorge does not teach, describe or suggest a method for facilitating the display of information of a document including "scanning said document for indicators, wherein said indicators are for indicating a predetermined location within said document" (emphasis added). In contrast, Sorge teaches accessing one document, a worksheet navigation HTML file, for providing links to other documents, worksheet HTML files. In particular, Sorge does not scan the worksheets themselves. Moreover, Sorge does not teach, describe or suggest that the worksheets include any type of indicators for indicating predetermined locations within the worksheets themselves.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that does not teach, describe or suggest a method for facilitating the display of information of a document including "jumping to a predetermined location within said document corresponding to a graphic element selected by a user" (emphasis added). In contrast, Sorge teaches "[c]licking on a link loads the selected worksheet into the worksheet frame" (emphasis added; col. 16, lines 29-33). In particular, Sorge does not teach, describe or suggest jumping within individual worksheets. Rather, Sorge teaches the selection of one worksheet from multiple worksheets.

In view of the claim limitations of "scanning said document for indicators, wherein said indicators are for indicating a predetermined location within said document" and "jumping to a predetermined location within said document corresponding to a graphic element selected by a user" not being shown or suggested in Sorge, in combination

with the above arguments, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 11 and 21 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and are therefore allowable over Sorge. Applicants respectfully submit that Sorge also does not teach or suggest the additional claimed features of the present invention as recited in Claims 4-10 that depend from independent Claim 1, Claims 14-20 that depend from independent Claim 11, and Claims 24-30 that depend from independent Claim 21. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 4-10, 14-20 and 24-30 also overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 2, 3, 12, 13, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorge in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,384,947 by Ackerman et al., hereinafter the "Ackerman" reference. Claims 2 and 3 depend from independent Claim 1, Claims 12 and 13 depend from independent Claim 11, and Claims 22 and 23 depend from independent Claim 21. Applicants have reviewed the cited references and respectfully submit that the embodiments of present invention as recited in Claims 2, 3, 12, 13, 22 and 23 are not unpatentable over Sorge in view of Ackerman.

Applicants respectfully assert that the combination of Sorge in view of Ackerman does not teach the claimed embodiments of the present invention. As described above in the discussion of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), Applicants respectfully assert that Sorge does not teach, describe or suggest the claim limitations of "scanning said document for indicators, wherein said indicators are for indicating a predetermined

location within said document" and "jumping to a predetermined location within said document corresponding to a graphic element selected by a user."

In contrast, Applicants understand Sorge to teach a spreadsheet program that provides links to different worksheet files, wherein each worksheet file is a separate document. By teaching that one document, a worksheet navigation HTML file, is accessed for providing links to other documents, the worksheet HTML files, Applicants respectfully assert that Sorge teaches away from "scanning said document for indicators, wherein said indicators are for indicating a predetermined location within said document," as claimed (emphasis added). Moreover, by teaching a spreadsheet program that provides access to different files, Applicants respectfully assert that Sorge teaches away from "jumping to a predetermined location within said document corresponding to a graphic element selected by a user," as claimed (emphasis added).

Moreover, the combination of Sorge and Ackerman fails to teach or suggest these claim limitations because Ackerman does not overcome the shortcomings of Sorge as described above. Ackerman, alone or in combination with Sorge, does not teach, describe or suggest a method for facilitating the display of information of a document including "scanning said document for indicators, wherein said indicators are for indicating a predetermined location within said document" and "jumping to a predetermined location within said document corresponding to a graphic element selected by a user," as claimed.

Applicants understand Ackerman to teach a method and apparatus for stabilizing the wavelength of a laser (Abstract). Applicants respectfully assert that Ackerman does not teach, describe or suggest the claim limitation "scanning said document for indicators, wherein said indicators are for indicating a predetermined location within said document." Moreover, Applicants respectfully assert that Ackerman does not teach, describe or suggest the claim limitation "jumping to a predetermined location within said document corresponding to a graphic element selected by a user."

In view of the claim limitations of "scanning said document for indicators, wherein said indicators are for indicating a predetermined location within said document" and "jumping to a predetermined location within said document corresponding to a graphic element selected by a user" not being shown or suggested in the combination of Sorge in view of Ackerman, in combination with the above arguments, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 11 and 21 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and are therefore allowable over Sorge in view of Ackerman. Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Sorge in view of Ackerman also does not teach or suggest the additional claimed features of the present invention as recited in Claims 2 and 3 that depend from independent Claim 1, Claims 12 and 13 that depend from independent Claim 11, and Claims 22 and 23 that depend from independent Claim 21. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2, 3, 12, 13, 22 and 23 also overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims.

CONCLUSION

Based on the arguments presented above, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-30 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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